

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel claims 1 - 4.

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (Canceled)
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4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously presented) Harness device for a weaving machine comprising an apertured board provided with threading openings for pulling through a series of harness cords wherein this apertured board is composed of at least two separate detachable small partial apertured boards, wherein connecting elements are provided for connecting one or several harness cords to one or several tackle cords or hooks and in that each partial apertured board comprises threading openings and provisions to carry a number of connecting elements.
6. (Previously presented) Harness device according to claim 5, wherein the threading openings or the connecting elements are provided with a spring-mounted retaining element.
7. (Previously presented) Harness device according to claim 5, wherein in each partial apertured board recesses have been provided in addition to threading openings in order to carry a number of connecting elements.
8. (Previously presented) Harness device according to claim 5, wherein a number of connecting elements are provided with an opening through which one or several spindles may be

passed, these spindles having the possibility to rest on the small partial apertured boards in order to carry the connecting elements.

9. (Previously presented) Harness device for a weaving machine comprising an apertured board provided with threading openings for pulling through a series of harness cords wherein this apertured board is composed of at least two separate detachable small partial apertured boards, wherein connecting elements are provided for connecting one or several harness cords to one or several tackle cords or hooks and in that the partial apertured board comprises positioning means, which have been provided to position a number of connecting elements in a desired connecting position.

10. (Previously presented) Harness device according to claim 9, wherein the said positioning means are provided in the said threading openings or in a recess provided next to each threading opening.

11. (Previously presented) Harness device according to claim 9, wherein the positioning means comprise one or several grooves and/or guide pins which have been designed to co-operate with an edge of the connecting element in that the connecting element automatically takes up a connecting position when it is put into the threading opening or the recess.

12. (Previously presented) Harness device according to claim 9, wherein the said positioning means comprise a spindle, which is passed through the openings of a series of connecting elements.

13. (Previously presented) Harness device according to claim 9, wherein it comprises connecting elements in two parts in order to connect one or several harness cords to one or

several tackle cords or hooks and in that the positioning means have been provided to carry at least one part of the number of connecting means.

14. (currently amended) Method for building up ~~the~~ a harness device ~~of claim 1~~, comprising:

providing an apertured board composed of at least two separate detachable small partial apertured boards,

providing a series of harness cords,

providing the apertured board with threading openings for pulling through the series of harness cords,

dividing the harness cords into different groups, and

pulling the harness cords through the threaded openings in respective small partial apertured boards.

15. (currently amended) Method for building up ~~the~~ a harness device ~~of claim 1~~, comprising:

providing an apertured board composed of at least two separate detachable small partial apertured boards,

providing a series of harness cords,

providing the apertured board with threading openings for pulling through the series of harness cords,

dividing the harness cords into different groups, and

pulling the harness cords through the threaded openings in respective small partial apertured boards,

providing tackle cords or hooks,  
providing connecting elements for connecting one or several harness cords to one or several tackle cords or hooks,  
wherein these connecting elements comprise first and second parts to be connected, and connecting the first parts carried by a partial apertured board to the corresponding second parts by the same motion of the partial apertured board.

16. (Previously presented) Method for building up a harness device according to claim 15, further comprising keeping a number of second parts to be connected of the connecting elements in a connecting position by means of a comb.

17. (Previously presented) Method for building up a harness device according to claim 15, further comprising connecting one or several harness cords to one or several tackle cords or hooks by means of the connecting elements and subsequently raising the small apertured boards, drawing the connecting elements through the threading openings, and subsequently placing the small partial apertured boards into a receiving grid, so that the complete apertured board is constituted.

18. (Previously presented) Method for building up a harness device according to claim 15, further comprising connecting one or several harness cords to one or several tackle cords or hooks by means of the connecting elements, subsequently lowering the small apertured boards, and subsequently placing the small partial apertured boards into a receiving grid, so that the complete apertured board is constituted.